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## **DAYTON MEN CHARGED WITH GUN, DRUG CRIMES FOR PLANNING HOME INVASIONS**

DAYTON - A team of federal agents and sheriff's deputies arrested Dexter "Uncle" McCain, age 33, and Kurt "Fat Cat" Strode, age 22, both of Dayton, this morning on gun and drug charges, alleging that the men were involved in planning home invasions in order to steal large quantities of illegal drugs.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; Christopher P. Sadowski, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and Montgomery County Sheriff David Vore announced the arrests today.

Agents and deputies arrested the men around 8 a.m. this morning in a parking lot adjacent to a self-storage facility at 1830 Needmore Rd. in Dayton. The arrests follow a month-long investigation into tips that the men were planning home invasions in order to steal large quantities of drugs. Agents allegedly found a firearm on Strode and another inside the vehicle both men were occupying.

Both men are charged with drug trafficking conspiracy, which carries a maximum sentence of ten years to life. They are also charged with two counts of possession of a firearm during a drug offense, which carries a punishment of five years to life imprisonment, and possession of a firearm by a felon, which carries a maximum punishment of ten years imprisonment.

"If convicted of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug offense, that sentence must be served after the sentence for the conspiracy is completed," Lockhart said.

"Guns and drugs contribute greatly to the level of violent crimes on our streets," Sadowski said. "By federal and local agencies working cooperatively, we can make our community safer."

Each man will have an initial appearance today before Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Merz.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by ATF agents and Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Regional SWAT Team deputies, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorneys Dwight Keller and William F. Schenck who are prosecuting the case.

The charges are merely accusations. Both men are presumed innocent unless convicted of the charges.

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